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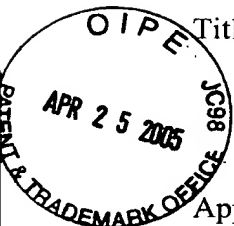
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SYSTEM

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UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Documents B1-B3 were cited during prosecution of a counterpart German application.

Documents B1 and B2 are in English. Applicant has provided an English language title and abstract for document B3.

With respect to document B1, the German Examiner stated claims 1, 13 and 15 of the German application lacked novelty in view of document B1.

With respect to document B2, the German Examiner cited claim 1, claim 15, claim 16, figures 1-5, figure 9 and the associated description.

With respect to document B3, the German Examiner cited claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 10-12 as well as figures 1 and 2 and the associated description.

Applicant respectfully requests that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.


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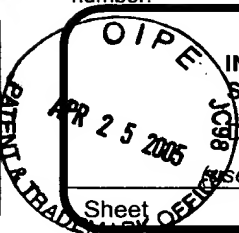
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